

Pension Application for Zacharias Sickels

S.28880

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832.

[The dates are typed as they appear in the application.]

State of New York

County of Albany SS.

On the [?] day of July 1832, personally appeared in open court, before the Justices Court of the City of Albany now sitting, Zacharias Sickels, a resident of the City of Albany in the county of Albany and state of New York on 15th December 1831 aged eighty two years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States, under the following named officers, and served as herein stated: That he was a member of an association company who were friends to American Liberty; and in 1775 he was enrolled as a private in the Albany Militia under Capt. Isaac Deforest and served as was called upon and ordered out from time to time by his superior officers to do duty until the close of the revolutionary war, and that he [?] belonged to different companies with Capt. Deforest, Capt. Garret Groesbeck, Capt. William Hun, Capt. Abraham Schuyler and Capt. Jacob Lansing near the mill in Watervliet, under which several Captain he has performed service & in the Albany Regt but longest under Capt. Greenbush—and he further declares, that on one occasion he was drafted on a tour of military duty, but that in consequence of a great and pressing demand for mockasons to supply the army under General Montgomery he was ordered to remain and assist in preparing a thousand pairs of mockasons for his troops, which order he obeyed—and he further declares, that all the officers under whom he has served as well Captains and Colonels, or Generals of militia are since deceased, and that he has no documentary evidence to shew, in proof of his said services, but he can confidently declare that the whole period thereof, exceeded two years.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Zacharias Sickels

Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid, J.G. Wasson Clk.

County of Albany SS. On the 17th Nov'r 1832, Zacharias Sickels the same person on the 19th day of July last past, was duly sworn to, and subscribed the within declaration was again duly sworn, and according to law, & now deposed and said, that he doth by this supplementary declaration confirm in every particular, the statement heretofore made by him, and worn to on the said 19th day of July last—and that as he will on the 15th day of December now next ensuing, if he lives to that day, be eighty three years of age, and does not promise himself but very little time more, he does hope, and respectfully solicit, that he many without any unnecessary or unreasonable delay, realize the boon, which Congress have by their act of June 7th 1832, granted to all those who, like himself, have served as revolutionary soldiers for two years & upwards. (Signed) Zacharias Sickels

Subscribed & Sworn to on the day & year aforesaid in open court. J. G. Wasson Clk

Letter dated September 8, 1938.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request information in regard to Peter Ferris of Connecticut and New York, and Zachariah Sickels of New York, both soldiers of the Revolutionary War.

Because of the great demand for Revolutionary War data and the limited trained clerical force available for furnishing such information, it is not possible to comply in full with each request which requires so much time and research.

The record of Zacharias Sickles which follows was obtained from papers on file in pension claim, S.28880, based upon his service in the War of the Revolution. This is the record of the only Zacharias

Sickels found on file in the Revolutionary War records of this office; the names were searched under similar spellings.

Zacharias Sickels (as his signature is shown in the claim) was born December 15, 1749, place not stated, nor were the names of his parents given.

Zacharias Sickels was a member of an "Association Company who were friends to American Liberty", and was enrolled in 1775 as a private in the "Albany Militia"; he served at various times with the New York troops, until the close of the war, under Captains Isaac DeForest, Garret Groesbeck, William Hunn, Abraham Schuyler, and Jacob Lansing. During his service he assisted in preparing a thousand pairs of moccasins for the army under General Montgomery; length of entire service two years.

The soldier, Zacharias Sickels, was allowed pension on his application executed July 19, 1832, at which time he was living in Albany, New York.

He later lived in Chittenango, Madison County, New York. He died June 14, 1839, leaving no widow, but children survived him, their names not given.